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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1983-84 MONTANA MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park counties and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commmission, the state of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory birds under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 1, 1984.

Exception: Canyon Ferry, same as exception #1 under geese.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 7 ducks and mergansers and, after opening day, a possession limit of 14 ducks and mergansers except no more than 2 redheads or 2 canvasbacks or 1 of each daily may be taken and no more than 4 singly or in the aggregate may be possessed.

Mergansers: Mergansers are included in the daily bag and possession limits of ducks.

Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 1, 1984.

Exceptions:

1. Canyon Ferry: One-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon October 1, 1983 and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon each day through January 1, 1984 in those portions of Broadwater, Lewis & Clark and Jefferson counties as follows: Beginning at Canyon Ferry Dam, thence in a westerly and southerly direction along State Route 284 to U.S. Highway 287, thence east along said highway approximately one-quarter (¼) mile to the Jefferson-Broadwater County line, thence southerly along said line to the S.W. corner of Township 7 North, Range 1 West, thence easterly along the south boundary of said township to its intersection with Indian Creek, thence easterly down said creek to its intersection with U. S. Highway 287, thence southerly along said highway to its intersection with U.S. Highway 12, at Townsend, thence easterly along said highway to the Broadwater-Meagher County line, thence northerly along said line to the head of Magpie Gulch, thence southerly down said gulch to State Route 284, thence westerly along said highway to Canyon Ferry Dam, the point of beginning.

2. Flathead: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 27, 1983, in portions of Flathead, Lake, and Sanders counties described as follows: Beginning at Ravalli, thence north along U.S. Highway 93 to Polson and Elmo, thence west on State Highway 28 to its intersection with State Highway 382 near Hot Springs and south along said highway to Perma, thence east along State Route 200 to Ravalli, the point of beginning.

3. Deer Lodge: One-half hour before sunrise October 15, 1983, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 1, 1984, Deer Lodge County.

4. Benton Lake: (Dark Geese Only): One-half hour before sunrise October 30, 1983 and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through January 1, 1984 in those portions of Cascade, Chouteau and Teton counties as follows: Beginning at Intersection 15 Interchange near Power, then due east on Teton County road 4½ miles, then north 1 mile, then east 13 miles to State Highway 225 (Bootlegger Trail), then south 7 miles along Bootlegger Trail, then west 4 miles on Cascade County road, then north 1 mile, then west 8 miles, then north 1 mile, then west 3 miles to the Gordon Interchange on Interstate 15, then north along Interstate 15 to Power, the point of beginning.

5. Missoula County: (Closed to all geese) A tract of land comprising portions of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 34 and 35, Township 13N, Range 18W, and Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 12N, Range 18W, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Montana Power Dam at Milltown and extending in an easterly direction along the north shore of the impoundment to Interstate Highway 90, thence in a southeasterly direction along Interstate 90 to the Turah exit, thence southeasterly across the Turah Bridge and along the frontage road to its junction with the old Milwaukee Railroad right-of-way, thence in a northwesterly direction along the railroad right-of-way to the Montana Power Dam at Milltown, the point of beginning.

6. Kleinschmidt Lake: (Closed to Canada geese) That portion of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Helmville, thence northerly along state highway 271 to the intersection of highway 200, thence northwesterly along highway 200 to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, thence southwesterly along the North Fork of the Blackfoot River to the Ovando-Helmville county road, thence southeasterly along the Ovando-Helmville road to Helmville, the point of beginning.

NOTE: Each morning before the season opens, a drawing will be conducted to determine assignment of goose hunting pits at Ninepipes Game Management Area.

Daily & Possession Limit: East of Continental Divide: Daily limit of 3 white geese (snow, blue & Ross), and 3 dark geese (all other geese). Possession limit is 6 in any combination.

Daily & Possession Limit: West of Continental Divide: Daily limit of 3 white geese (snow, blue & Ross), and 2 dark geese (all other geese). Possession limit is 6 of which no more than 2 may be dark geese.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 1, 1984.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Common (Wilson's) snipe and, after opening day, a possession limt of 16 Common (Wilson's) snipe.

WHISTLING SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in either Cascade or Teton County. Permits will be valid 93 days, beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, and ending at sunset, January 1, 1984. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish, Wildlife and Parks office by September 9, 1983. The application must include applicant's 1983 Montana Bird License number, indicate the Pacific Flyway season and be accompanied by a $2 drawing fee. Swan hunters must have a watercraft, a dog capable of retrieving, or chest high waders along while hunting the dikes at Freezout Lake, as a means of retrieving birds they have killed, wounded or crippled. Note: Applicants may apply for only one swan permit in Montana. (Pacific or Central Flyway portion but not both.)

MOURNING DOVE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 27, 1983.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 15 doves and after opening day, a possession limit of 30 doves.

WATERFOWL REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Development Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs in Deer Lodge County will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena and Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis & Clark County; and portions of Fresno Reservoir, McLean Reservoir, and Sands Lake in Hill County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting; in Madison County, a portion of the Madison Valley north of Ennis, as posted; a portion of Flathead County east of Somers on the north shore of Flathead Lake as posted.

During the opening weekend (October 1 & 2) of waterfowl hunting at Freezout Game Management and Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge, hunting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise till 12:00 noon. Waterfowl hunting within the boundaries of Freezout and Benton Lake will be prohibited during the afternoons of the first 2 days of the season.

Means of Taking: Migratory birds may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat, when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or a Class B-10 $275 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $2 Conservation License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp to hunt ducks, geese and swans. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

FALCONRY SEASON

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983 to sunset, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 15, 1984.

Daily and Possession Limits: For all permitted migratory game birds, the daily and possession limit shall not exceed 2 and 4 birds respectively, singly or in the aggregate, during both the regular hunting season and the extended falconry seasons.

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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1983-84 MONTANA MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the state of Montana within the Central Flyway is open to hunting of migratory birds under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: Zone 1 includes the counties of Bighorn, Blaine, Carbon, Daniels, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Valley, Wheatland and Yellowstone.

One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through November 29, 1983. Then reopening one-half hour before sunrise December 10, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 1, 1984.

Zone 2 includes the counties of Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure and Wibaux.

One half-hour before sunrise October 1, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through October 23, 1983. Reopening one-half hour before sunrise November 3, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through January 1, 1984.

Bag Limit: The season is based on a daily point value of 100 plus points. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken, when added to the sum of the point values of other birds already taken during that day, reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds which legally could have been taken in two days. The point allocation for ducks is as follows:

10 Points	20 Points	70 Points	100 Points
Blue-Wing Teal	Drake Mallard	Hen Mallard	Canvasback
Green-Wing Teal	Ringneck Duck	Wood Duck	
Cinnamon Teal	All other species & sex not listed under other categories.	Hooded Merganser	
Scaup		Redhead	
Pintail			
Gadwall			
Shoveller			
Common & Red-Breasted Merganser			
American Widgeon			

Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 and 30 in possession.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to January 1, 1984.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 3 and a possession limit of 6 geese. Except in Sheridan County where the bag and possession limit will be 2 and 4 respectively.

LITTLE BROWN CRANE

Persons wishing to hunt Little Brown Cranes must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional headquarters in Glasgow, Billings, or Miles City, or the Fish, Wildlife and Parks office in Helena.
Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 27, 1983.
Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit will be 3 Little Brown Crane, and after opening day, a possession limit of 6.

Exception 1: That area south and west of Interstate Highway 90 and the Bighorn River shall be closed to the hunting of Little Brown Crane.

Exception 2: Sheridan County - one-half hour before sunrise November 1, 1983 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 27, 1983.

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WHISTLING SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in the Central Flyway portion of Montana. Permits will be valid 93 days, beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1983 and ending at sunset, January 1, 1984. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish, Wildlife and Parks office by September 9, 1983. The application must include applicant's 1983 Montana Bird License number, indicate the Central Flyway season and be accompanied by a $2 drawing fee.

Note: Applicants may apply for only one swan permit in Montana (Pacific or Central Flyway portion, but not both).

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REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Nelson Reservoir in Phillips County; North Chinook Reservoir in Blaine County; and portions of Treasure and Rosebud counties shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting.

Means of Taking: Migratory birds may be taken only with bow and arrow, with shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

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WATERFOWL CLOSURES

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described areas shall be closed to the hunting, harassment, or molesting of migratory waterfowl.

REGION ONE: Flathead County: Beginning where the west access road to the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production Area enters said area in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 24, T27N, R21W, approximately one-half (½) mile east of the town of Somers, thence east-northeast along fence marking U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property as posted to the west property line of the Dedman onwership in the West Half of Section 20, T27N, R20W, thence south along said line fence as posted to the north shore of Flathead Lake, thence south and westerly approximately one and three-quarters (1 3/4) miles as posted to a large stump displaying a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ownership sign in the North Half of the North Half of Section 25, T27N, R32W, thence northerly along west property line of said Waterfowl Production Area to the point of beginning. (This area is also closed to upland game bird hunting.)

REGION TWO: Warm Springs Pond No. 3 (Deer Lodge County): A piece, parcel, or tract of land comprising portions of sections 1, 2, 11, and 12 in T4N, R10W, M.P.M., portions of Sections 30 and 31 in T5N, R9W, M.P.M., and portions of Sections 25 and 36 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the section corner common to Sections 19 and 30 in T5N, R9W and Sections 24 and 25 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., and running thence west along the north boundary line of said Section 25, T5N, R10W, a distance of 1,060 feet more or less, to a point on the easterly right-of-way boundary line to U.S. Highway 10 south, thence south 7° 52' west, along the easterly right-of-way boundary line of said U.S. Highway 10 south, a distance of 16,660 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly right-of-way boundary line of a cross road, thence south 34° 9' east, along the northerly right-of-way boundary line of said cross road, a distance of 216.5 feet to a point, thence south 85° 39' east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 965.0 feet to a point, thence north 83° 5' east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 112.6 feet to a point, thence north 54° 34' east along said right-of-way line, a distance of 167.7 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way boundary line of the old county road to Deer Lodge, thence in a northerly direction along the westerly right-of-way bounday line of the old county road, a distance of 15,600 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north 63° 17' west, along a line 800 feet northerly of the parallel to the center line of dike of Warm Springs Settling Pond No. 3, a distance of 2,831.3 feet to a point, thence north 24° 45' west, a distance of 2,713.4 feet to a point on the north boundary line of Section 30, T5N, R9W, thence north 89° 24' west, along the north boundary line of said Section 30, a distance of 1,567.0 feet to the section corner common to Sections 19 and 30 in T5N, R9W, and Sections 24 and 25 in T5N, R10W, M.P.M., the place of beginning, containing in all an area of 1,580 acres, more or less.

Kleinschmidt Lake: That portion of Powell County lying within the following described boundary will be closed to hunting of Canada geese only (open to other waterfowl): Beginning at Helmville, thence northerly along state highway 271 to the intersection of highway 200, thence northwesterly along highway 200 to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, thence southwesterly along the North Fork of the Blackfoot River to the Ovando-Helmville county road, thence southeasterly along the Ovando-Helmville road to Helmville, the point of beginning.

REGION THREE: Madison County: Those portions of Sections 16, 21, and 28 lying east of U.S. Highway 287 and the western portions of Sections 15, 22, and 27 from 100 feet west of the western most channel of the Madison River (known locally as Fletcher Creek), all in T5S, R1E.

REGION FOUR: Freezout Game Management Area (Teton County): SW¼, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W; W½ Section 12, W½ of E½ Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Game Management Area, T22N, R4W. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis & Clark County): The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

South Half of Lake Helena (Lewis & Clark County): Beginning at a point in the southwest part of Lake Helena to be marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwesterly direction to the south shore, thence south approximately ½ mile, thence in an easterly direction 1½ miles, thence north ¼ mile, thence east 3/4 mile to the west bank of the BLM drain ditch D-7, thence down the west bank of the drain ditch to the lake and out into the lake a distance of 400 yards to a point marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwest-erly direction across the lake to the point of beginning, in parts of Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 in T11N, R3W, and in parts of Sections 19 and 30 in T11N, R2W.

REGION FIVE: None

REGION SIX: Fresno Reservoir Area (Hill County): That portion of the Milk River and within 300 yards of its banks between the southeast corner of Section 1, T34N, R12E and the former Kremlin crossing (Section 22, T34N, R13E).

McLean Reservoir (Hill County): Approximately 2,560 acres located in Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, T36N, R15E.

Sands Lake (Hill County): SW¼, Section 18, T32N, R16E.

Nelson Reservoir (Phillips County): Approximately 3,020 acres located in portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, and 35, T32N, R32E; Sections 26, 35, and 36, T32N, R31E; and Sections 4 and 5, T31N, R32E. (Note: Section 31, T32N, R32E and Section 6, T31N, R32E and area west of said sections shall be open to waterfowl hunting.)

North Chinook Reservoir (Blaine County): Approximately 2,215 acres located in the following sections and part sections of T35N, R18E: NE¼, NW¼, N½SE¼, N½, S½, SE¼, portion of the SW¼ Section 22; Section 23; Section 24; NE¼, SE¼, N½NW¼, portion of S½NW¼ Section 25; portion of the N½NW¼ Section 26.

REGION SEVEN: Treasure & Rosebud Counties: Beginning at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers, then east down the Yellowstone River to the Rosebud-Custer County line, east of Hathaway, Montana (as posted). This closure shall be within the confines of the normal stream flow and shall include all islands, backwaters, and sandbars.

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